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For: SIGN POST STABILIZER

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(e), filed October 4, 2012, to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**.

The instant petition under 37 CFR 1.378(e) is not signed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.33(b)(3) which states:

Amendments and other papers, accept for written assertions pursuant to § 1.27(c)(2)(iii) or (c)(2)(iv), filed in the application must be signed by: (3) The applicant (§ 1.42). Unless otherwise specified, all papers signed on behalf of a juristic entity must be signed by a patent practitioner.

As the instant petition is not signed, a decision on the merits of the petition filed October 4, 2012 is not forthcoming. The time period for reconsideration of the petition mailed September 19, 2012 expired November 19, 2012. Accordingly, petitioner is entitled to request a refund of the previously filed \$4,005.00 by writing to the Finance Office, Refund Section. A copy of this decision should accompany any request for reply.

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